

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT

9:00 a.m., March 24, 2004

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, California

Item: 7

Subject: Resolution Establishing a Priority List for State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loans for  
FY 2004-05

DISCUSSION

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is developing the FY 2004-05 State Fiscal Year Proposed Priority List for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. The State Revolving Fund is a low interest loan program designed to fund the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water reclamation facilities, to address nonpoint sources of pollution, and to fund estuary enhancement. To be considered for a SRF loan during the course of the fiscal year, an applicant must first be on the Statewide Priority List.

Each year the Regional Water Board submits a Proposed Priority List to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for inclusion on the Statewide Priority List. The Statewide Priority List stays the same each year except when specific projects are added, revised, or deleted. The attached tentative Resolution sets forth staff recommended additions, revisions, and deletions for Region 1 for the FY 2004-05 list.

After the Statewide Priority List is adopted by the State Water Board, it will decide which projects receive funding for the upcoming fiscal year through a process based on project readiness and availability of funding.

Each is assigned to one of five priority classes.

Class A - Public Health Problems

- a) Publicly Owned Waste Water Treatment Facilities projects required to alleviate public health problems where the County Board of Supervisors or the County Health Officer has certified that a health problem exists, and where a Regional Water Board has: (1) adopted a prohibition for elimination of discharges from individual treatment systems and such prohibition has been approved by the State Water Board, or (2) approved a local moratorium prohibiting the construction of new individual systems, or adopted a cease and desist order; and

- b) Nonpoint source, storm drainage pollution, and estuary enhancement projects required to comply with prohibitions, postings, limitations, or warnings that have been imposed by responsible health authorities, and where the Regional Water Board has concurred with the findings of the health authority and has established a time schedule for correction or elimination of the threat to public health.

#### Class B - Pollution of Impaired Water Bodies

Projects required to correct conditions where a certification is made by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer that the water quality objectives for an impaired water body are not being attained.

#### Class C - Compliance With Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Projects

- a) Projects necessary to comply with waste discharge requirements or other regulatory requirements formally imposed by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board or projects necessary for correction of threatened violations of existing or proposed waste discharge requirements; and
- b) projects which recycle water and are cost effective when compared to the development of new sources of water.

#### Class D – Projects Serving as Preventative Measures Against Additional Water Quality Degradation for Impaired or Unimpaired Water Bodies

Projects, which would control discharges to impaired or unimpaired waters where correction of such discharges may, or may not, be required through formally adopted waste discharge requirements. Includes projects to provide additional wastewater treatment capacity.

#### Class E - Other Projects

Projects not included in any other priority classes.

PRELIMINARY STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the tentative Resolution as proposed.